

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 229735

20

ORIGIN NASA-04

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 ISO-00 ACDA-19 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 RSC-01 SCI-06 AGR-20

COME-00 EB-11 INT-08 SCEM-02 /118 R

66610

DRAFTED BY: NASA/I:JRMORRISON:GMS

APPROVED BY: SCI/SAM-WACHAPIN

ARA/APU-MR DAVIS

DISTRIBUTION: NONE INDICATED

----- 054931

R 212045Z NOV 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 229735

FOR SCIATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TSPA

SUBJ: ARGENTINE PARTICIPATION IN EARTH RESOURCES EXPERIMENT
PROGRAM

REF: EMBASSY'S 07861

1. REGARDING NASA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH DOMINGUEZ, HE SUBMITTED
A COMBINED ERTS-1 AND SKYLAB/EREP PROPOSAL TO NASA ON
FEBRUARY 4, 1972. A NASA SCIENTIFIC PANEL REVIEWED THE
PROPOSAL AND ACCEPTED IT AS BEING MERITORIOUS. THE
"PROVISIONS FOR PARTICIPATION" FOR DOMINGUEZ TO BE AN
ERTS-1 PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR WERE SIGNED BY ARGENTINE
AUTHORITIES ON JULY 31, 1972. HE SHOULD BE WINDING UP
THE INVESTIGATION. FINAL DRAFT REPORT WAS DUE IN AUGUST,
BUT SINCE HE HAS NOT SENT IN THE REQUIRED REPORTS ON HIS
INVESTIGATION WE ARE NOT CLEAR ON STATUS. THIS IS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 229735

THE FULL EXTENT OF NASA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH DOMINGUEZ.

2. NASA HAS NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE WITH CONCEPT OF ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IDENTIFYING "A PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR WHO IS TECHNICALLY COMPETENT AND ACCEPTABLE TO ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES". NASA IN FACT REQUIRES ALL FOREIGN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS TO BE SPONSORED BY AN OFFICIAL AGENCY OF HIS OWN GOVERNMENT. SUCH INVESTIGATORS HOWEVER MUST SUBMIT PROPOSALS TO NASA WHICH ARE EVALUATED ON THEIR PROGRAM'S MERITS AND ACCEPTED OR REJECTED. HOWEVER, TIME HAS NOW CAUGHT UP WITH CORIA'S SUGGESTION THAT INTA AND CNIE FORM A COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP A NEW RESEARCH PROJECT AND SELECT A NEW PI SINCE THERE WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TIME LEFT TO IDENTIFY A NEW PI, DEVELOP THE PROPOSAL, HAVE IT REVIEWED AND, IF ACCEPTED, PROGRAMMED FOR DATA ACQUISITION FOR THS LAST SKYLAB/EREP MISSION.

3. REGARDING REPORTS, ERTS AND EREP ARE UNCLASSIFIED EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS, WITH THE RESULTS MADE PUBLICALLY AVAILABLE. THIS MEANS THAT RESEARCH REPORTS BY U.S. INVESTIGATORS ON THE U.S. AGRICULTURAL SITUATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ARGENTINA. NASA REQUIRES REPORTS FROM PI'S BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN TO HELP MEET THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH IS, BASICALLY, TO DEVELOP THE TECHNIQUES OF SATELLITE REMOTE SENSING. REPORTING RESEARCH RESULTS IS THE STANDARD TRADITION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. THE REPORTING OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGN INVESTIGATORS ARE LESS THAN THOSE OF U.S. INVESTIGATORS (REPORTS EVERY THREE MONTHS INSTEAD OF EVERY TWO). THERE IS, OF COURSE, NO OBLIGATION FOR ARGENTINA TO PARTICIPATE. THE OPPORTUNITY IS MADE AVAILABLE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TREATY ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE, I.E., TO SHARE THE BENEFITS OF SPACE RESEARCH WITH ALL MEMBER STATES, ESPECIALLY THE DEVELOPING STATES.

4. THE U.S. WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT DECIDE WHETHER AN ARGENTINE REPORT SHOULD BE ISSUED. THE SPECIFIC PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT (PROVISIONS FOR PARTICIPATION) IS THAT RESULTS WILL, REPEAT WILL, BE PUBLISHED. IF ARGENTINA PARTICIPATES, THE RESULTS WOULD BE PUBLISHED. IF ARGENTINA DOES NOT PARTICIPATE, THERE WILL BE NO RESULTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 229735

TO PUBLISH. THE DECISION IS THEIRS. THE ONLY QUESTION INVOLVES WHEN (AND NOT WHETHER) THE RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED. ON THIS, NASA'S PURPOSE WAS TO TRY TO DISCOURAGE U.S. OR FOREIGN INVESTIGATORS FROM EXPLOITING THE RESULTS FOR PRIVATE GAIN. THEREFORE, INVESTIGATORS ARE ASKED TO AGREE NOT TO PUBLISH OR OTHERWISE UTILIZE THEIR RESULTS FOR NON-GOVERNMENT PURPOSES UNTIL AFTER THE RESULTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE INTERNATIONAL

COMMUNITY THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S WEEKLY ABSTRACT BULLETIN ENTITLED, "NASA EARTH RESOURCES SURVEY PROGRAM WEEKLY ABSTRACTS", (COPY BEING POUCHED). NOTE THAT THIS DOES NOT PRECLUDE ARGENTINA FROM USING THE RESULTS IMMEDIATELY FOR GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES.

5. THESE REQUIREMENTS ON REPORTING AND TIMING APPLY TO ALL U.S. AND FOREIGN INVESTIGATORS ALIKE. TO DATE, THEY HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY 37 COUNTRIES AND TWO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS COVERING A TOTAL OF CLOSE TO 150 FOREIGN ERTS AND EREP INVESTIGATIONS. EXCEPTIONS OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT BE MADE.

6. ALSO, DUE TO THE RELATIVE SCALES OF INVESTIGATION AND REPORTING, ARGENTINA COULD GET FAR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ON THE U.S. THAN THE U.S. COULD DERIVE ON ARGENTINA.

7. PRESUMABLY CORIA IS AWARE THAT ARGENTINA IS CO-SPONSORING WITH THE UNITED NATIONS A LATIN-AMERICAN PANEL ON REMOTE SENSING TO BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER. NASA HAS BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE AND WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS SYMPOSIUM. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, SATELLITES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: collinp0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE229735
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: NASA/I:JRMORRISON:GMS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731119/aaaaanrh.tel
Line Count: 139
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN NASA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: EMBASSY'S 07861
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: collinp0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <16-Jan-2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <07 MAR 2002 by collinp0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ARGENTINE PARTICIPATION IN EARTH RESOURCES EXPERIMENT PROGRAM
TAGS: TSPA, OSCI, AR, US, NASA, (DOMINGUEZ, OSCAR)
To: BUENOS AIRES
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005